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# Message Text

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ACTION SY-10

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5954

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FOR SY/T FROM RTC

EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: DNCCTV OPERATION

TWO WEEKS OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH DNCCTV INSTALLED AT BEIRUT LEADS TO FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

A. SATISFACTORY NIGHT PICTURE AVAILABLE WITH MINIMAL LIGHTING LEVELS AS EXEMPLIFIED BY STREET LIGHTING, RESIDENTIAL GROUNDS LIGHTING, OR OTHER AREAS LIT FOR USE BY PEDESTRIANS.

B. NO PICTURE AVAILABLE OF AREAS WITHOUT ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING.

C. AUTOMATIC SHUTTER OPERATION SATISFACTORY. NO PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED WITH CHANGEOVERS BETWEEN BRIGHT AND DARK AREAS.

D. THOUGH CAMERAS ARE NOT IN HEADLIGHT DIRECT BEAMS, BEIRUT CAMERA COVERAGE INCLUDES STREETS. NIGHTIME AUTOMATIC OPERATION GIVES USELESS STREET PICTURE ADJUSTED FOR VEHICULAR HEADLIGHT/TAIL LIGHT LEVELS. MANUAL OPERATION GIVES SATISFACTORY PICTURE IN SPITE OF HEADLIGHT BLOOMS. BLOOMS TO DATE HAVE CAUSED NO DETECTABLE DAMAGE TO CAMERA TUBE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON PROBABILITY OF DAMAGE WITH CONTINUED OPERATION IN THIS MODE.

E. LOW-LIGHT PICTURES ARE MARKEDLY IMPROVED OVER STANDARD CONCORD BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF SMEAR, GHOSTING, AND BURN-IN
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F. BELIEVE DN UNIT SHOULD BE ONLY GINGERLY INTRODUCED INTO INVENTORY BECAUSE REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH LEVEL LIGHTING WILL RESULT IN INCREASED DEMAND FOR MULTI-CAMERA LARGE AREA EXTERIOR COVERAGE BY CCTV. WHILE GLAMOROUS AND ATTRACTIVE (FREE) TO POSTS, CCTV USEFULNESS IN EXTERIOR POINTS ONE DIRECTION AT A TIME, AND FACT THAT MSG LOOKS AT MONITOR ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE TIME. BELIEVE SOUNDER APPROACH TO BE PROCUREMENT OF POSITIVE DETECTION PERIMETER SYSTEMS.
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